

Having been honored with a letter from his Excellency
the Commander in Chief containing a permission for
me to retire from this post, and at the same time that I
may for a ~~time~~ ^{period} ~~discontinue~~ ^{suspend} my superintending
and ~~control~~ ^{control} such instructions with the ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~line~~ ^{line}
-mand as I conceive may be necessary for the Govern-
-ment of it in my absence. You ~~as~~ ^{as} the next
in command will be pleased to attend to the follow-
-ing circumstances, and from time to time give
such ~~best~~ ^{best} orders as you find necessary for con-
-ducting the troops of the Convention, as well as the
Garrison including all the Staff Department connected
therewith.

As the Officers of the Convention have certain
limits established (viz the County of Albemarle for the
Parties & the Counties of Augusta & Albemarle for
the Germans below Staunton & within two miles
of that town) under parole you will by no means
restrict them to ~~other~~ ^{narrower} limits unless their bad
conduct sh^d. render it necessary, in which case you
may confine them to any limits you may think
advisable or proper even to a single House or
Room under such guard as you may find necessary.
You are ~~not~~ to enlarge the appointed Parole Limits
without express order for so doing from Congress
the Commander in Chief or me. The Men are
by no means to be suffered to wander out or to go at
large and all orders heretofore given by me ^{on that head} are to

Copy of Instructions
for Col. Taylor

are to be strictly compelled with, excepting only such
men as have been allowed to work on the Publick works
about the Barracks who are to return to their Quar-
ters every night - the last general orders also re-
specting officers and their servants are also to be
strictly adhered to. As soon as the Pickets are com-
manded Guards are to be mounted in each of the Block Houses
and sentries posted so as to prevent any of the Soldiers
belonging to the Convention troops passing (without
permission) by day - and by no means by night.
The Gates are to be shut at the beating the retreat
and the Keys delivered to the Officer of the Guard
except ones ^{through} granting the Main Guard which officers
are to be allowed to pass, to and from their Quarters ^{having the Passes} &
no other persons whatever, at that post a Sergeant
and four men are to be posted, whose duty it will be
to see to the execution of those orders.

No Waggons or other Carriages are to be permitted to
go into the line of Pickets without being first ^{examined} sent
to you or the Commandg officer and having a Passport
All Provision & other Commodities brought for sale are
to be exposed to sale in a publick Market Place
between the Barracks & the Garrison, and no Sol-
diers of the Convention troops are to be suffered when
coming out to Market to exceed the limits of the Mar-
ket Place sentries are to be posted for that purpose
and a small guard kept in readiness to prevent dis-
orders and tumult. any persons violating such
to be immediately confined.

The Commissaries, Quarter Masters, Surge Masters &
minutemen of the ^{under your port} other staff departments are to make you regular returns
of the state of their several departments and any neglect
of Duty or disobedience of orders you will have punished
<sup>you will give satisfaction for supplying Division, Regiments, Troops &c. as may be
found necessary from time to time or the exigencies of the port & otherwise</sup>
of course as the case may require. If any alarming

difficulty occur in any of the departments of Y^r
Command, you will be pleased to give me immediate
intelligence thereof, by sending an express by a Lt
Dragoon in the mean time taking such effectual
steps to suppress or remedy it as you may think
necessary, of which steps you will please to in-
form me. You will please to send ^{to} copies of all

General Returns once a Month ^{to} of the Board
of War in Philadelphia as also to the Executive
of this state. and inform them of any material
transactions. No officer of the Convention troops
is to quit his limits or place of abode in this
state without express orders from the Congress or
the board of War, in writing. And you will be
directed to keep all such and other orders as shall
come to this port during my absence, copies of which
if they enjoin any material alteration at this
Port you will please to transmit to me by express
as often in the manner before mentioned.

I have not the least doubt of y^r maintaining the
strictest Discipline and good order among the troops
that compose the Garrison, and as far as lays in y^r
power of rectifying every abuse that may tend to disorder
among the Convention troops, or to produce an injury to
the United States. No orders come from the Congress

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of Prisoners in his Deputy or from the board of War for
the Removal of the Prisoners of War here you are
to order them to march under such an escort as can
be spared, by the care of a good & prudent officer, to
the place of their destination if within this state
or until they are delivered over to some other officer
if within any other state. sh^d you not be in a
condition to spare a proper escort, you will apply
to the Executive of the state (if none are ordered for
that express purpose) to order a detachment of Mili-
tia. Many directions are omitted in the above order
to provide against contingencies that could not be
foreseen you will in such cases use your best
discretion as I have not the smallest doubt, but that
you will in every transaction consider the
advantage of the United States, and the good of
the Service in general. I am &c with much
regard
Y^r very Humble S^t

The Genl. Land

for furloughs are not to be granted to more than one man
at a time from a Comp^y unless it exceeds 25 men, & not more than
two if it exceeds that number.

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Sh^d you receive any application from the Command^t or any other
officer for any alteration of the regulations by which they are
to be conducted while here, or for permission to go on Parole &c.
such application is, while I have the superintendence of the
post to be transmitted to me & through me to Congress, by an ex-
press order of his Ex^t the Commander in Chief.